

YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST. MEGADROID.

Hey, Boomers!

My resolution for 1996 is not to listen to the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge! Would you believe that I'm sat here armed with a lump of coal (they insist it brings good luck for the New Year anything to keep them quiet!). Before I'm affected by a touch of the Hogmanays, I'd like to thank all of you who sent in a Christmas card (far nicer than a lump of coal!). Now for what's in store in STC's first issue of '96 ...

The Crew continue in the Sonic story Return of Chaotix. The Decap Attackers reach the end of Monster of the Year - but never fear - they star in a teethchattering story next issue. Knuckles goes 'out with the old and in with the new'. The Homecoming reaches a grand finale, but a new Knuckles story begins in issue 69. You'll have noticed that she's back! Yes, Amy stars in the winter warming Snow Business.

There's also a party-on-down pin-up featuring Spiker the Badnik. Oh, and Sonic and co try out a few disguises in yourown art page, The Graphic Zone. Right, I'm off for a spot of 'first footing' with Sonic (if only he'd slow down!). However, before I go there's one more thing ...

HAVE A MEGA NEW YEAR!



Time Ilies!

1995 whizzed past almost as fast as Sonic does! Not only did it prove to be a Sega-sational year for Knuckles, star of the Chaotix 32X game, but the Chaotix Crew were also a hit with you Boomers.

Sonic had his work cut out in Sonic Drift Racing and the release of the Sega Saturn caused a few oohs and aahs (as will future news on this multi-purpose 32-bit machine). What else happened ...

Sega presented STC with an award in recognition of standards of excellence in Sonic merchandise. Coo-el!



If you're wondering whether Sonic needs a rest after such a choca-filled 1995 - no sirree! There's a brand new Sonic game planned for 1996 and - well, you'll just have to keep reading STC and all will be revealed!

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PETE SAMPRAS TENNIS '96

Reviewed by Neil Bryant.



GAME TYPE: SPORT PLAYERS: 1-4

PUBLISHER: CODEMASTERS

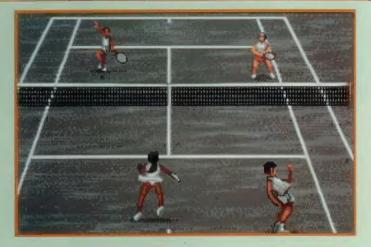
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This finely tuned version of the original Pete Sampras Tennis game includes lots of new touches, making it a cut above other 16-bit tennis sims.

Apart from the original play options of a Challenge Match and Tournament, Pete Sampras Tennis '96 features a new Pro-World Tour spanning over an impressive choice of surfaces and locations. Again the J-cart facility enables up to four players to play simultaneously, or four to eight players in a tournament match. There's a squad of eight players to choose from (including the World's number one player, Sampras of course); each have individual skills, but all are able to perform the new range of moves from jump shots, super serves, running backwards for the ball and even after-play tantrums!

Codemasters have done well to capture a realistic feel to this game by using sample crowd sounds taken from live games. The graphics are top notch and



boast a whopping 5,000 frames of animation.

Gameplay has also been made easier with some special features, including a superb 'after touch' facility allowing power, direction and control each time you hit the ball. You can also change the camera angle continuously throughout the game, allowing you to play towards or away from your opponent.

The only criticism is that anyone who already has the original Pete Sompros Tennis may find the '96 version - although improved - too familiar. However, gamers looking to buy their first pro tennis sim should definitely plump for this.



MICRO MACHINES '96

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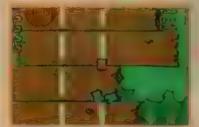
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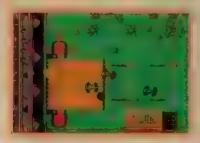
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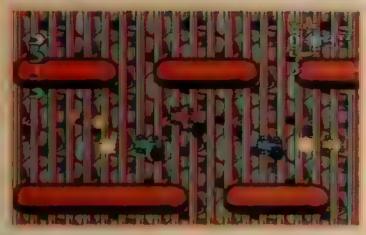


The ultimate in novelty racing games, Micro Machines and Micro Machines 2 were wonderfully wacky -however, Micro Machines '96 is truly awesome!

The new additions to this latest version range from vehicles and race tracks to tournaments and special features.

Codemasters have maintained the high quality graphics and created some new zany settings for racing tracks, including a science lab, a camp-site and gymnasium (imagine driving your micro machine past a towering bunsen burner!).

Racing vehicles are taken into the 21st Century with the likes of solar-powered cars and jets. There's also four new one-player modes,









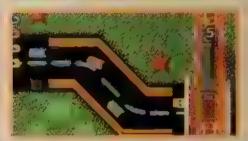
seven new multi-player tournaments, new characters and a shared controller mode on the J-Cart for four, six and eight players. If that doesn't satisfy your appetite, there's a Construction Kit feature enabling you to create your own track, customise your vehicle and even choose which weather

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conditions to race in.

New gamers
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Machines may
initially find the
controls tricky
to handle, but
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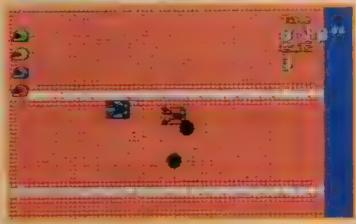
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effects and theme music are in keeping with the previous games, try as I might, I couldn't find anything to nit-pick about!

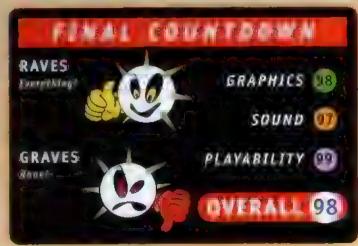
Micro Machines '96 is in a class of its own and is undoubtedly the best value for money game around.



















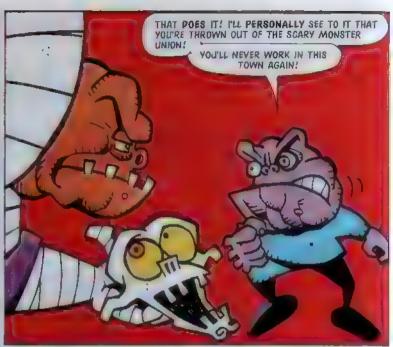






























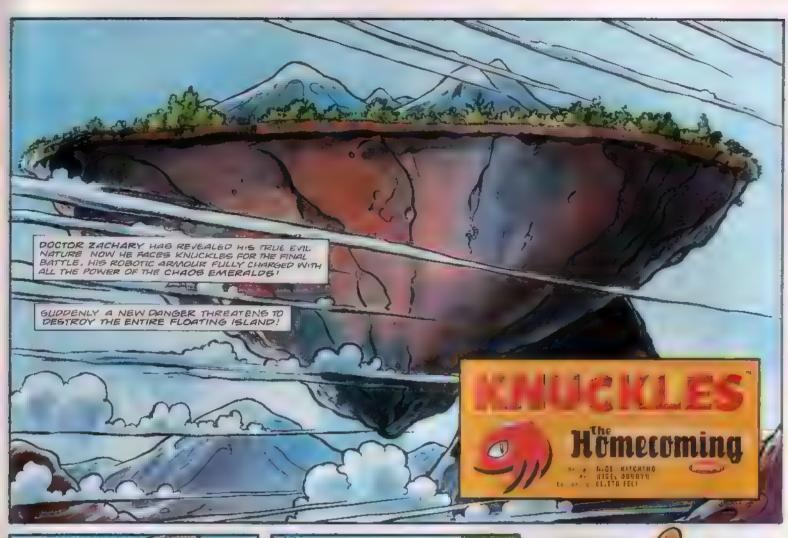








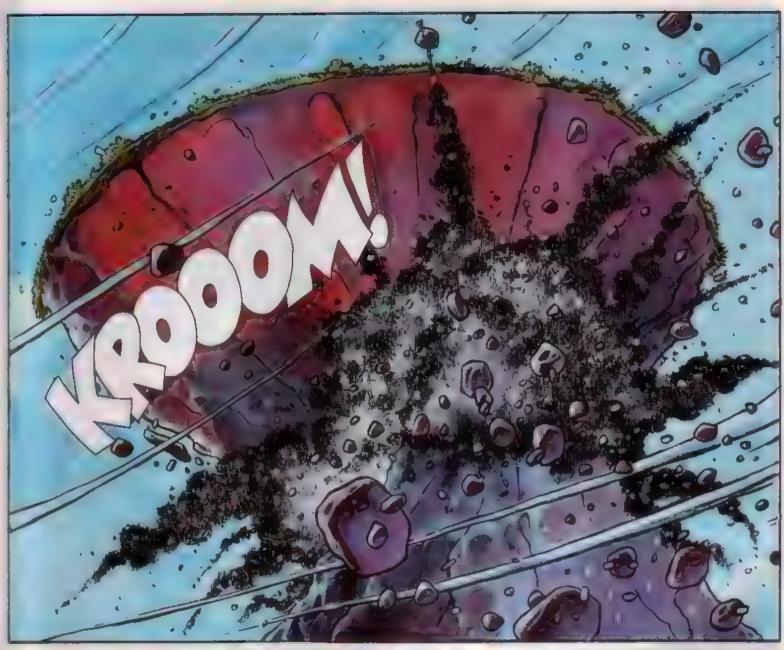












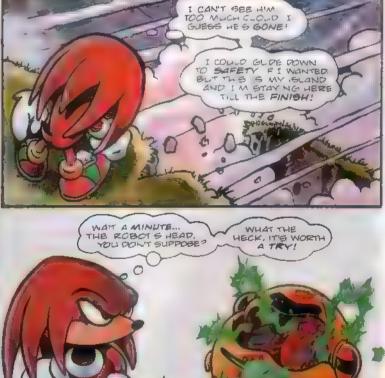














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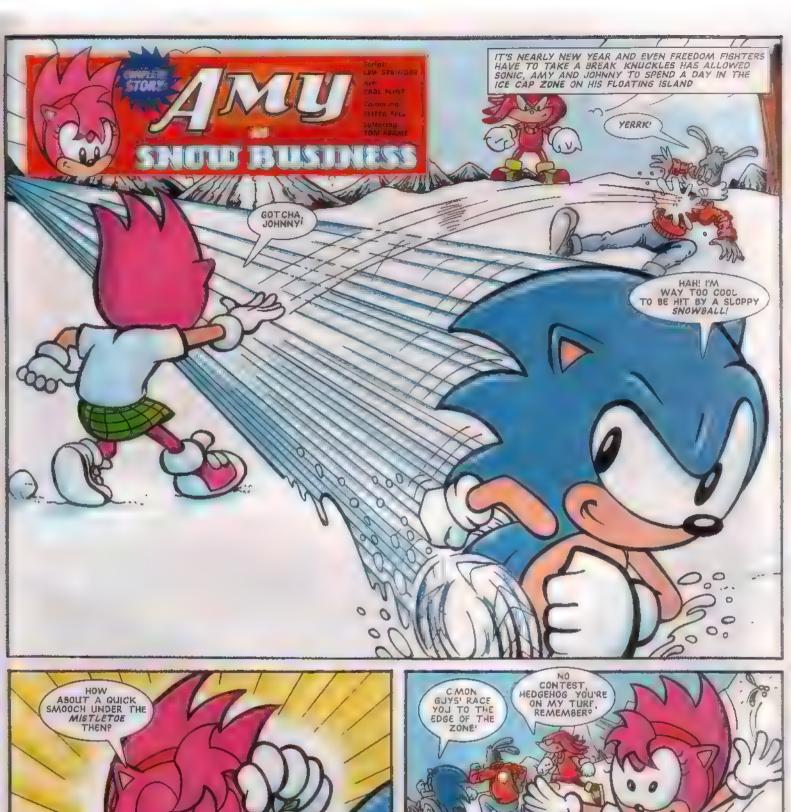
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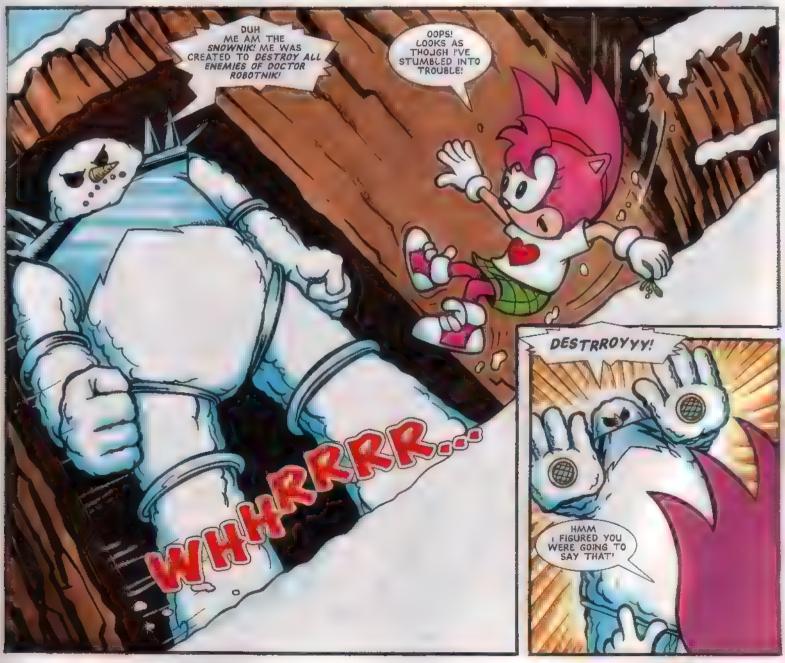
















































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RUBBER LOVE!

Dear STC.

I loved the Sonic rubber which came free with issue 63. I saved it for a big test last November and couldn't have managed without it.

Anthony Smyth, Co. Armagh, N. Ireland. Sonic Stationery Winner.



Glad it came in handy, Anthony.

MEGA MAD!

Dear STC.

Your comic keeps coming out late so I am going to burn each one of my issues to get rid of the evil! Don't give me one of your stupid comments, 'Megawimp' and don't even consider giving me a prize as I am too mad!
Chris Yates, Darwen, Nr Blackburn.

MD & GG owner.
Sonic Stationery Winner.



I think I agree with that last comment, Chris!



Mina Robb, Cumbernauld, Scotland. MD user. Sonic Stationery Winner,

UP THE WALL!

Dear Megadroid,

I share a bedroom with my little brother, which can drive us bonkers sometimes. This is mainly because we fight over which side of our room the posters should go on! I think I've been fair to suggest that my side of the room be filled first then we can start on his side. What do you think?

Caroline Latham (& room 'mate'), Blackpool. MD Owner. Sonic Stationery Winners.



I think bunk beds could be the answer!

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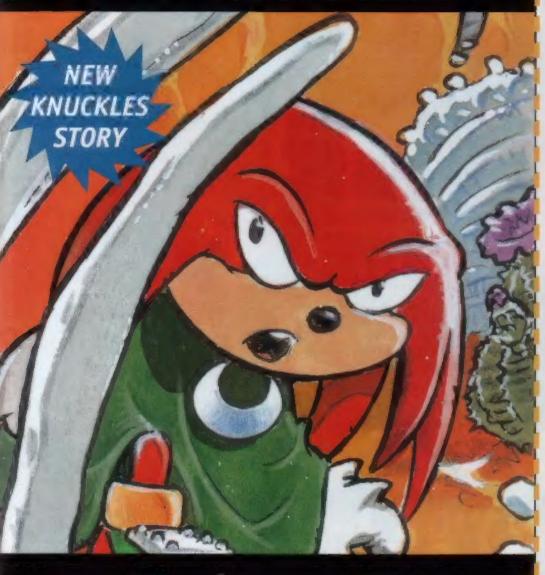


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